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NRO review(s) completed.

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Sept 24 DOD reorganizes military space program to give USAF prime role and return most projects from ARPA to services; Army upset as its Redstone Arsenal is downgraded to "contractor".; will Von Braun's research continue?

York/Johnson news conference: deny ARPA to be eliminated; its responsibilities and projects which are being turned back to the military services noted. (NYT, 24 Sept 59, 1:2)

September 23, 1959: N.Y.T. DOD reorganized its space program again today. ARPA lost most of its projects to the military services from whom it had taken them last year. The Pentagon made it clear that the Air Force was the nation's military space service and gave it most of the projects.

The plan makes clear the eventual assignment to the AF of responsibility for the development, production and launching of military space vehicles.

~~Each service~~ Each service will be assigned responsibility for payloads and ground support equipment for space and satellite systems of special interest to them.

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Press conference heard from Dr. Herbert York, newly appointed Director of Defense Research & Engineering.

